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H B. No. 2047

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the restructuring of the Texas Water Rights Commission, the Texas Water Quality Board, and the Texas Water Development Board; amending Chapter 6, Water Code, as amended; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. Chapter 6, Water Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 6. DEPARTMENT OF WATER

"SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

"Section 6.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, "department" means the Department of Water."

"(Sections 6.002-6.010 reserved for expansion)

"SUBCHAPTER B. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

"Section 6.011. CREATION OF DEPARTMENT. The Department of Water is created and shall assume the powers, duties, and functions of the Texas Water Rights Commission, the Texas Water Quality Board, and the Texas Water Development Board.

"Section 6.012. GOVERNING BOARD. The department shall be under the direction of a governing board composed of nine members elected in equal numbers from different areas of the state."

"(Sections 6.013-6.040 reserved for expansion)

"SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

"Section 6.041. GENERAL AUTHORITY. The department shall exercise all of the powers, duties, and functions now exercised by the Texas Water Rights Commission, the Texas Water Quality Board, and the Texas Water Development Board."

Sec. 2. On January 1, 1976, the Texas Water Rights Commission, the Texas Water Quality Board, and the Texas Water Development Board shall be abolished, and their powers, duties, and functions shall be transferred to the Department of Water.

Sec. 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule

requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house
be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this
Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and
it is so enacted.

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- 1. Filed with the Chief Clerk of the House.
- 2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on Natural Resources
- 3. Fiscal note requested from Legislative Budget Board by _____
- 4. Reported favorably (unfavorably) (as amended) and sent to Printer _____ M.
- 5. Printed, distributed by Calendar Clerk and sent to Committee on _____ M.
- 6. Read second time (amended) and ordered engrossed by (Non-record vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present and not voting).
- 7. Motion to reconsider the vote by which H. B. _____ was ordered engrossed and to table the motion to reconsider prevailed (failed) by (Non-record vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present and not voting).

- 8. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present and not voting.
- 9. Read third time (amended) and finally passed by following vote: (Non-record vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present and not voting).
- 10. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.
- 11. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. _____ was finally passed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present and not voting).
- 12. Sent to Engrossing Clerk _____
- 13. Engrossed.
- 14. Returned to Calendar Clerk _____
- 15. Sent to Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House

Engrossing Clerk of the House

- _____ 16. Received from the House _____
- _____ 17. Read, referred to Committee on _____
- _____ 18. Reported favorably _____
- _____ 19. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.
- _____ 20. Ordered not printed.
- _____ 21. Regular order of business suspended by
(a viva voce vote.
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.
- _____ 22. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.
- _____ 23. Read second time _____ passed to third reading by:
(a viva voce vote.
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.
- _____ 24. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.
- _____ 25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.
- _____ 26. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.

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Secretary of the Senate

- _____ 27. Returned to the House.
- _____ 28. Received from the Senate (with amendments).

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